



Holiday Travel Forecast 12/24-12/26

National Weather Service Amarillo

NWS Amarillo Weather Briefing



Overview

- Seasonal Temperatures Christmas Eve
- Arrival of Much Colder Air with Wintry Conditions late Monday Night Into Christmas Day
 - Winter Weather Advisory Tuesday 12 AM – 6 PM for all of the Panhandles
- Cold and Dry Conditions on the Day After Christmas



Monday

- No Elevated or Critical Fire Weather Conditions Expected
- Highs:
 - Low 40s to Mid 40s (North)
 - Mid 40s to Low 50s (South)
- Lows:
 - Low Teens to Near 20
- Wind Chills Monday Night
 - -10°F to 5°F

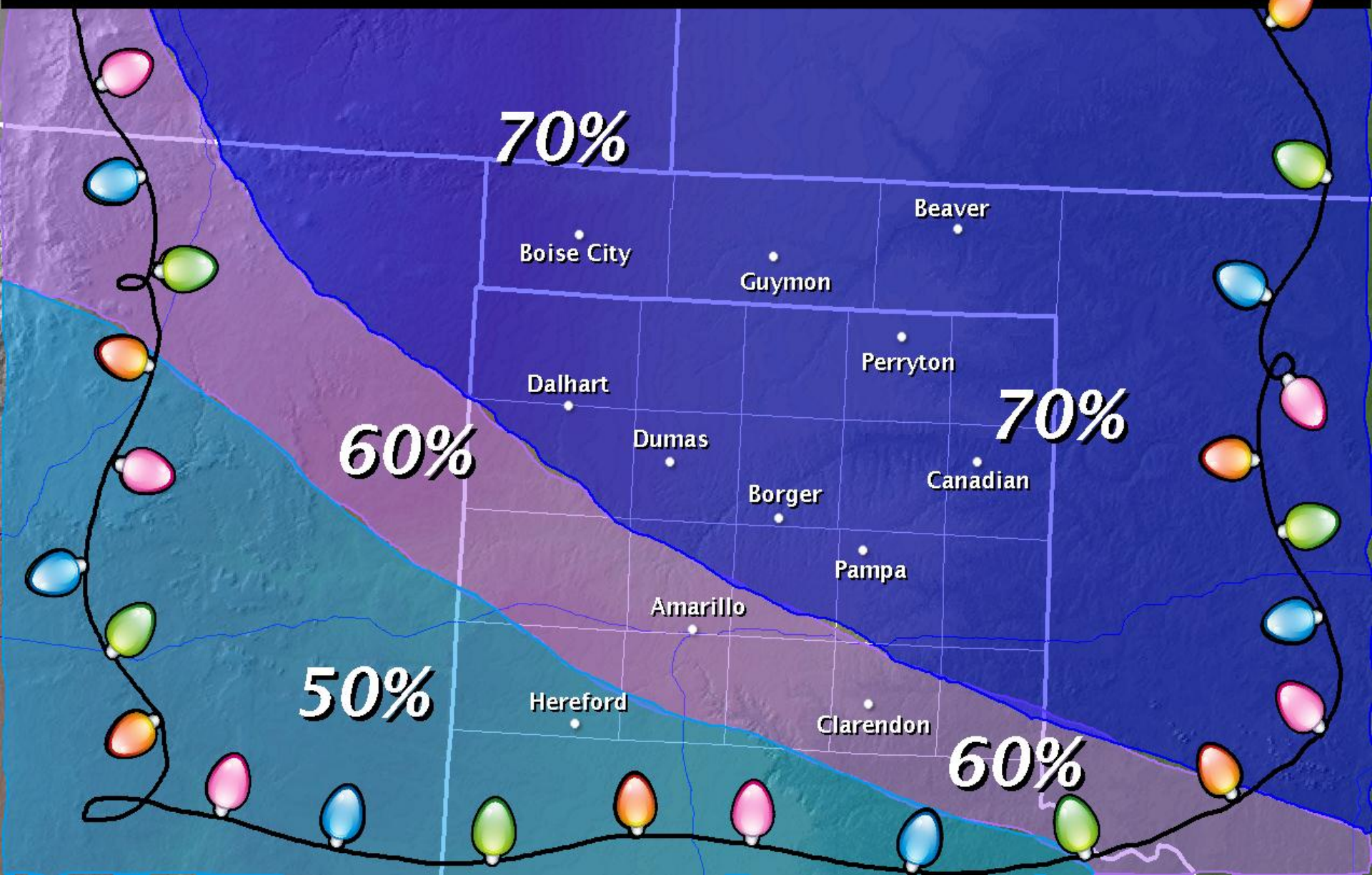


Tuesday/Christmas Day

- Best Chances for a White Christmas
 - Oklahoma Panhandle
 - Northern and Eastern Texas Panhandle
- Snowfall Amounts
 - Up to 1 inch Southwest to 5 inches in the Northeast
- Blowing Snow Expected
- Travel could become very **HAZARDOUS** and if traveling east into Western and Central Oklahoma

Christmas Day

Chances of Snow

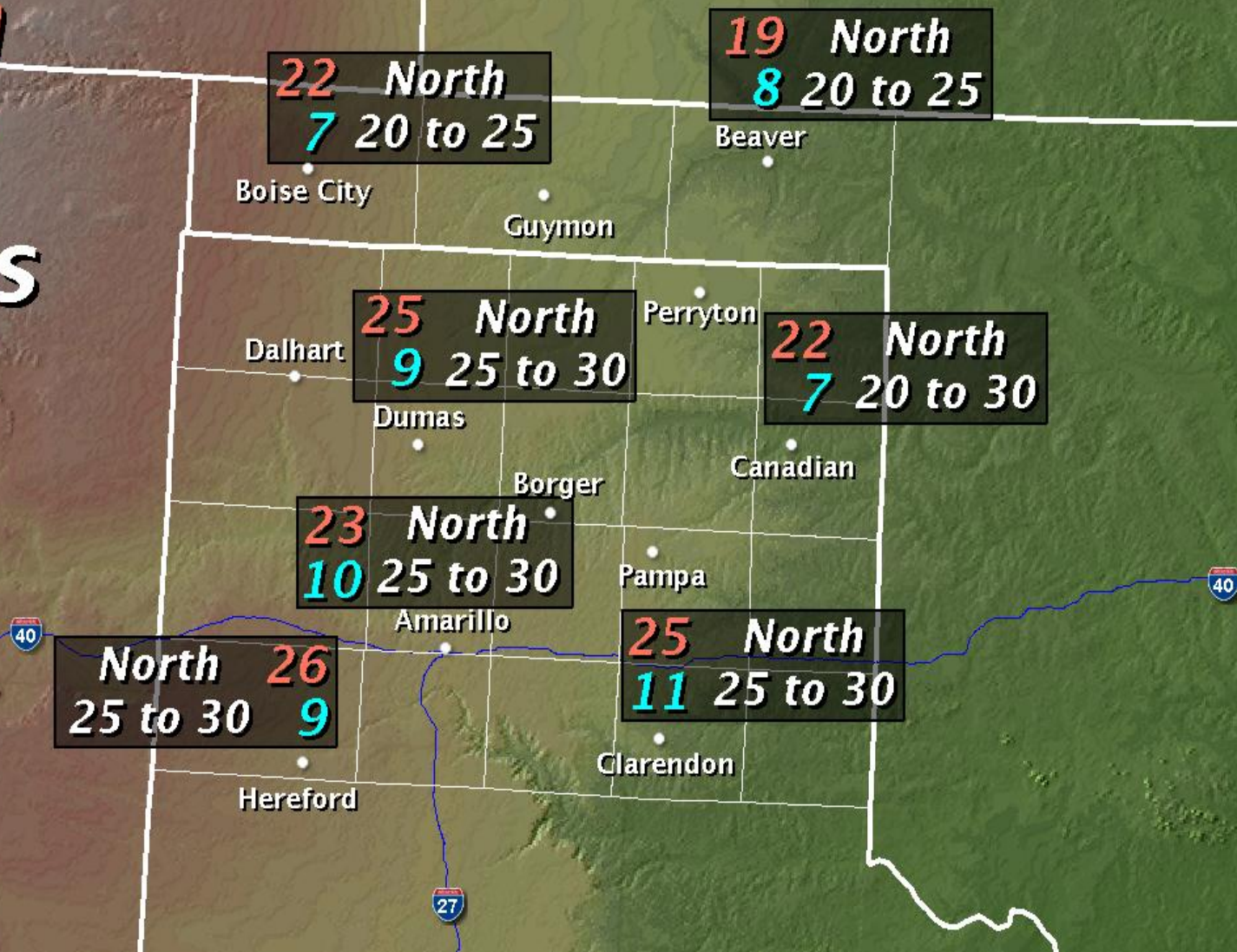


Tuesday's Forecast

**High
Low
Winds**

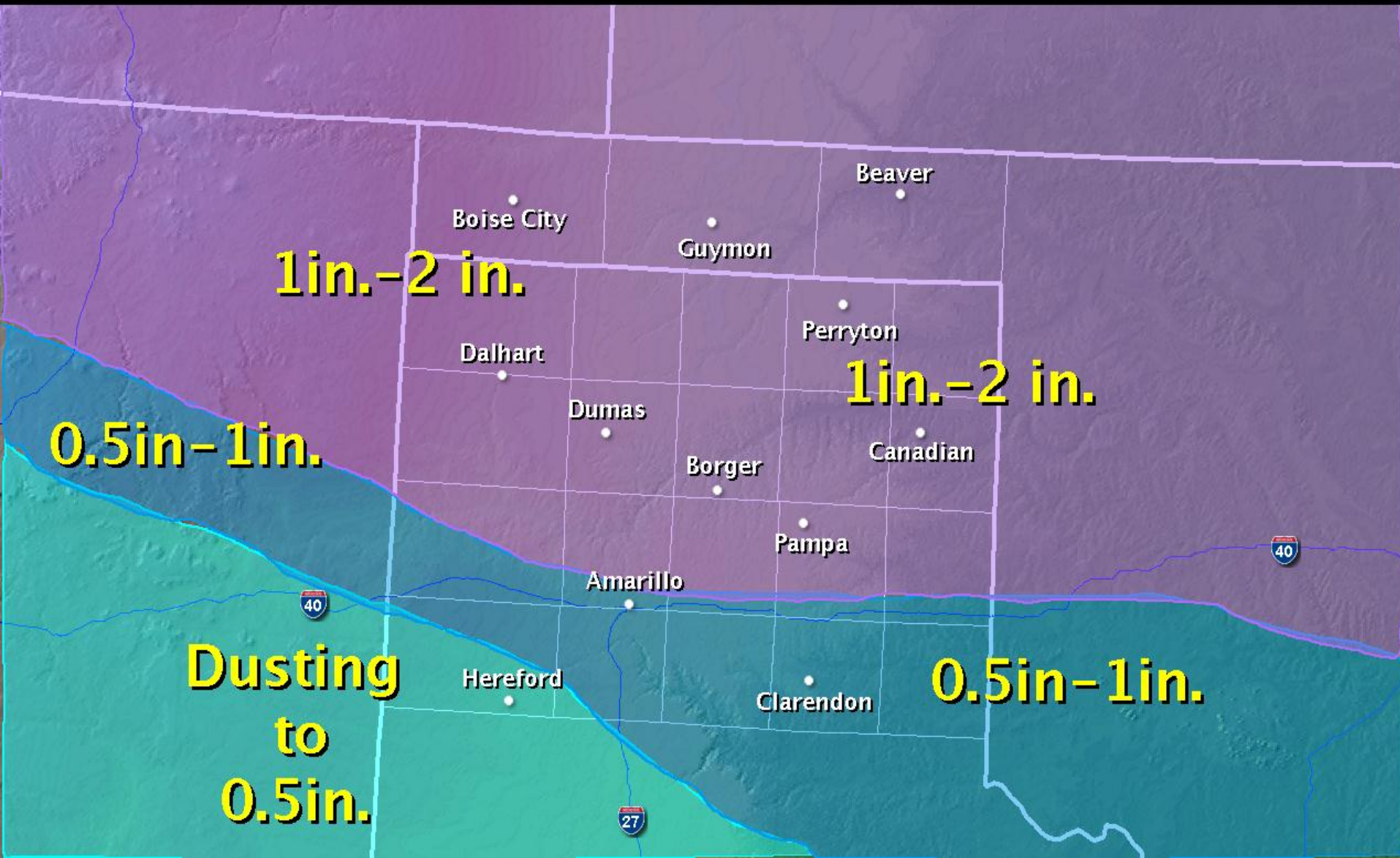


**Wind Chills
Below Zero
Christmas
Morning &
Christmas
Night**



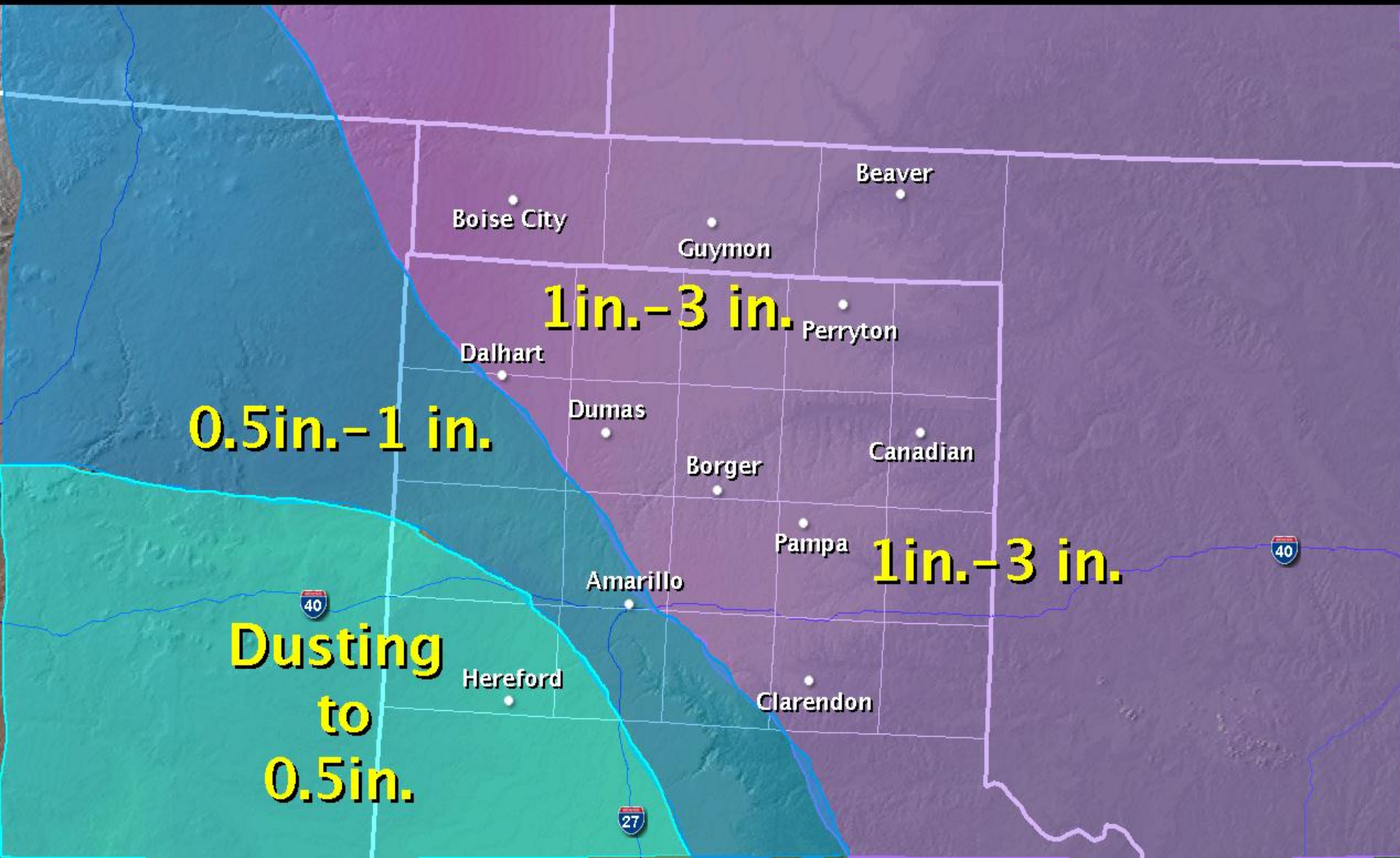
SNOW TIMING: 9pm–6am

Christmas Eve Night thru Christmas Morning



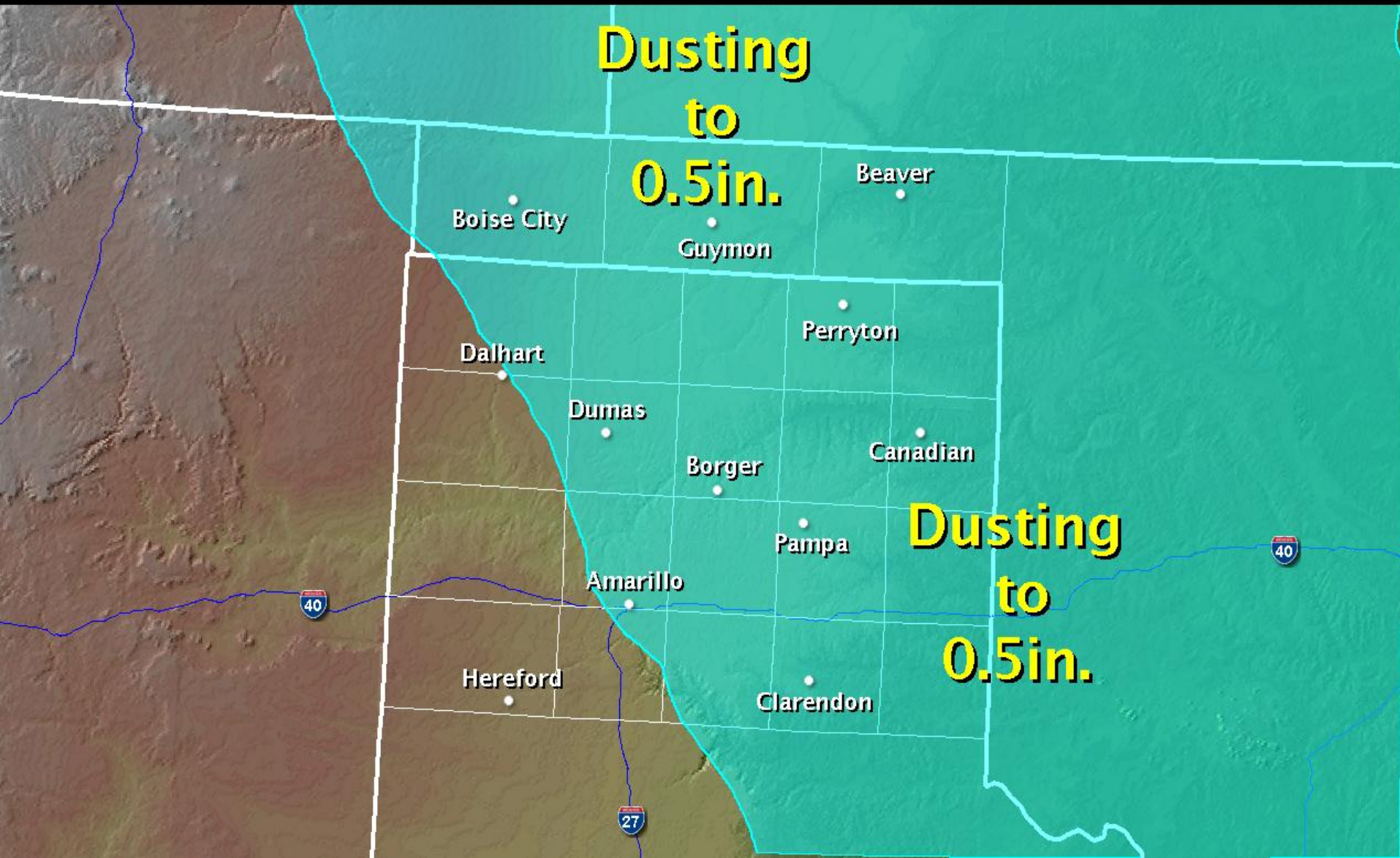
SNOW TIMING: 6am–12pm

Christmas Morning



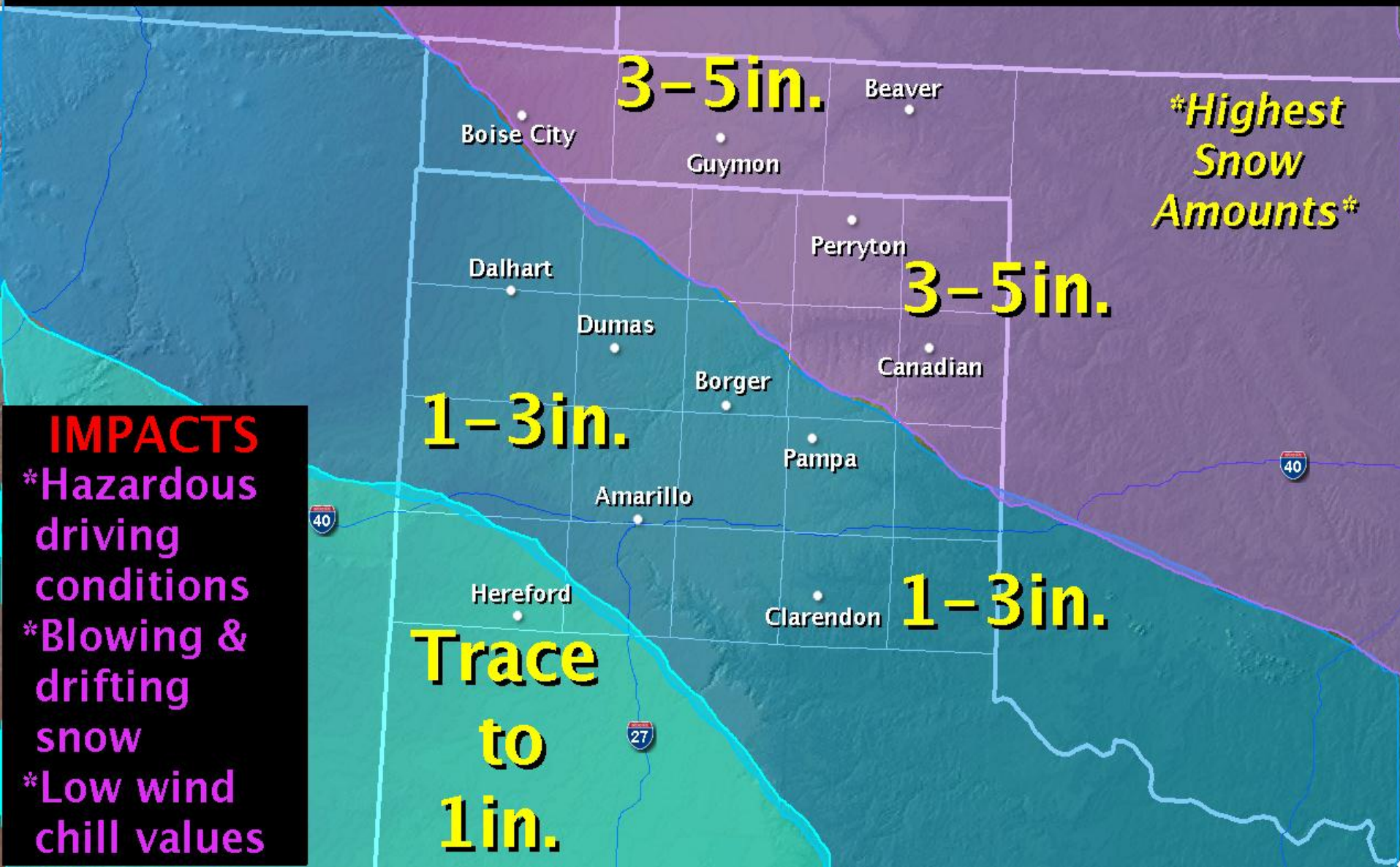
SNOW TIMING: 12pm–6pm

Christmas Afternoon



TOTAL SNOW AMOUNTS

Monday Night – Christmas Day



IMPACTS

- *Hazardous driving conditions
- *Blowing & drifting snow
- *Low wind chill values



Wednesday

- Dry Conditions with Clearing Skies
- Highs:
 - Mid 20s to Upper 20s (North)
 - Upper 20s to Lower 30s (South)
 - *Coldest Temperatures will be where heaviest snow falls*
- Wind Chills Wednesday Morning
 - -8°F to 5°F



Other Concerns

- Extremely difficult travel at times
- Blowing snow likely
 - Visibilities below 1 mile possible at times
- Confidence:
 - Snow Amounts
 - Moderate
 - Winds
 - Very High
 - Cold Temperatures
 - Very High
 - Timing
 - Moderate to High